REMARKS

Claims 1-13 were pending in the present application. Claims 5, 7, and 8 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claims 14-16 added herein. Thus claims 1-4, 6, and 9-16 are now pending in the present application. Reconsideration of the present application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants note with appreciation acknowledgement of the claim for priority made under section 119 and notice that all certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

The Abstract of the Disclosure is objected to for informalities. The Abstract is corrected herein.

Claims 1, 5, and 7-12 are objected to for informalities. Claims 1 and 9-12 are amended and claims 5, 7, and 8 are canceled herein.

Claims 1-3, 6, and 8-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Moed, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,770,841, (hereinafter "Moed") in view of Takeda, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,047,868, (hereinafter "Takeda"). The rejection has been addressed by amending the claims to include features indicated allowable as discussed herein below.

Claim 8 is canceled herein.

Claim 1 has been amended to include features of claim 5 indicated allowable. In particular, claim 1 has been amended to include *inter alia*, optically reading the information code from one of the displayed plurality of images, a part of the information code displayed in a portion of the display other than an unrecognizable portion, the information code being obtained when the part of the information code from another of the displayed plurality of images, the another part of the information code displayed in the unrecognizable portion, is not optically read.

Claim 6 has been amended to include features of claim 7 indicated allowable. In particular, claim 6 has been amended to include *inter alia*, displaying a plurality of partial images in succession indicating the plurality of partial information codes respectively, wherein each of the plurality of partial images includes a code indicating one or more of a dividing number and a display order of the each.

Accordingly, since independent claims 1 and 6 as amended now contain features indicated allowable, claims 1 and 6 are believed allowable. It is respectfully requested therefore that the rejection of claims 1 and 6 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claims 2-3, and 9-10 are believed allowable by virtue of depending from claims 1 and 6 which now contain features indicated allowable. It is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 2-3, and 9-10 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claims 4 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Moed in view of Takeda and further in view of Wang, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,659,167. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 4 and 11 are believed allowable by virtue of depending from claims 1 and 6 which now contain features indicated allowable. It is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 4 and 11 be reconsidered and withdrawn
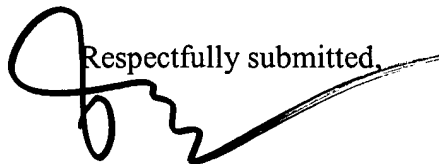
Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Moed in view of Takeda and further in view of Barber, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,637,658. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 12 is believed allowable by virtue of depending from claim 6 which now contain features indicated allowable. It is respectfully requested that the rejection of claim 12 be reconsidered and withdrawn

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In view of the foregoing, the applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and a timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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